

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid dispenser for a cap which is fitted to a mouth of a container holding a liquid therein, which liquid dispenser comprises:
a liquid-lifting ~~means~~ mechanism supported on an upper wall of the cap as pierced therethrough and comprised of a helical screw and a cylindrical tube encompassing the helical screw, both having upper terminal parts thrust upward individually from the upper wall and lower terminal parts inserted into the container when the cap is fitted to the mouth of the container; and a housing adapted to accommodate therein a helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism for rotating the helical screw in the liquid-lifting ~~means~~ mechanism and furnished with a delivery nozzle for allowing a liquid lifted by the liquid-lifting ~~means~~ mechanism to flow out of the liquid dispenser, wherein the delivery nozzle of the housing is disposed in an upward direction for enabling a liquid lifted by the liquid-lifting mechanism to advance through an upwardly inclined path and reach an exhaust port and the delivery nozzle is provided in a lower part of the exhaust port with a liquid flow-inhibiting mechanism for inhibiting a discharged liquid from flowing out of the exhaust port, down a lower face of an outer tube of the nozzle, toward a main body side of the housing.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism is adapted to transmit a driving force of an electrical driving source and rotate the helical screw, and the housing is provided at a proper position thereof with a switch for driving and stopping the electrical driving source.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the housing is comprised of a lower case having an empty storage part for accommodating the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism and a top face opening, and an upper case of a shape of a cover for blocking the top face opening of the lower case; the upper case is made of a material capable of deformation under an external force and restoration to an original shape by itself from the deformation and is furnished with a thin-wall part so as to function as a switching part capable of deformation under an external force and restoration to an original shape by itself from the deformation, and the switching part is consequently adapted to turn on the electrical driving source by application of an external pressure for depressing the switching part into the housing and turn off the electrical driving source by releasing the external force applied to the switching part, thereby allowing the switching part to resume an original state.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 3, wherein the switching part is provided with an auxiliary switching piece shaped to cover at least the switching part of the housing and rendered shiftable between a state incapable of acting on the switching part and a state capable of depressing the switching part, and the electrical driving source of the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism is switched by a shifting motion of the auxiliary switching piece.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 4, wherein the switching part is provided with an auxiliary switching piece shaped to cover at least the

switching part of the housing and rendered shiftable between a state incapable of acting on the switching part and a state capable of depressing the switching part, and the electrical driving source of the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism is switched by a shifting motion of the auxiliary switching piece.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 3, wherein the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism comprises a motor having a rotational shaft disposed in a lateral direction therein, which motor is the electrical driving source, a driving force-transmitting mechanism for transmitting rotation of the rotational shaft as the driving force for the helical screw, and a laterally disposed battery for feeding electricity to the motor to complete the housing in a thin construction.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 4, wherein the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism comprises a motor having a rotational shaft disposed in a lateral direction therein, which motor is the electrical driving source, a driving force-transmitting mechanism for transmitting rotation of the rotational shaft as the driving force for the helical screw, and a laterally disposed battery for feeding electricity to the motor to complete the housing in a thin construction.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The liquid dispenser according to claim 6, wherein the helical screw-driving ~~means~~ mechanism comprises a motor having a rotational shaft

disposed in a lateral direction therein, which motor is the electrical driving source, a driving force-transmitting mechanism for transmitting rotation of the rotational shaft as the driving force for the helical screw, and a laterally disposed battery for feeding electricity to the motor to complete the housing in a thin construction.

Claim 13 (Canceled).